Ac-Arg-Trp-Ile-Gly-Trp-Lys—NH$_2$ (**SEQ ID NO:5**); Trp-Trp-Pro-Lys-His-Xaa—NH$_2$ (**SEQ ID NO:6**), where Xaa can be any one of the twenty naturally occurring amino acids, or Trp-Trp-Pro-Xaa—NH$_2$ (**SEQ ID NO:7**), where Xaa is Lys or Arg; Tyr-Pro-Phe-Gly-Phe-Xaa—NH$_2$ (**SEQ ID NO:8**), wherein Xaa can be any one of the twenty naturally occurring amino acids; (D)Ile-(D)Met-(D)Ser-(D)Trp-(D)Trp-Gly$_n$-Xaa—NH$_2$ (**SEQ ID NO:9**), wherein Xaa is Gly or the D-form of a naturally-occurring amino acid and n is 0 or 1, peptides of this formula can be hexapeptides when Gly is absent (n is 0) and heptapeptides when Gly is present (n is 1); (D)Ile-(D)Met-(D)Thr-(D)Trp-Gly-Xaa—NH$_2$ (**SEQ ID NO:10**), wherein Xaa is Gly or the D-form of a naturally-occurring amino acid; Tyr-A1-B2-C3—NH$_2$ (**SEQ ID NO:11**), wherein A1 is (D)Nve or (D)Nle, B2 is Gly, Phe, or Trp, and C3 is Trp or Nap; Pm and red {Me$_x$H$_y$N-Tyr-(NMe)$_z$-Tyr-Xaa—NH$_2$} (**SEQ ID NO:12**), wherein x and y independently are 0,1, or 2 and z is 0 or 1, and wherein Xaa is Phe or D-Phe; Pm and red {Me$_x$H$_y$N-Tyr-(NMe)$_z$-Tyr-Xaa—NHBzl} (**SEQ ID NO:53**), wherein x and y independently are 0,1, or 2 and z is 0 or 1, and wherein Xaa is Phe or D-Phe; Trp-Trp-Pro-D4-His$_z$-Xaa$_z$-NH$_2$ (**SEQ ID NO:13**), wherein z is 0 or 1, D4 is Lys or Arg and Xaa is any one of the naturally-occurring amino acids.--